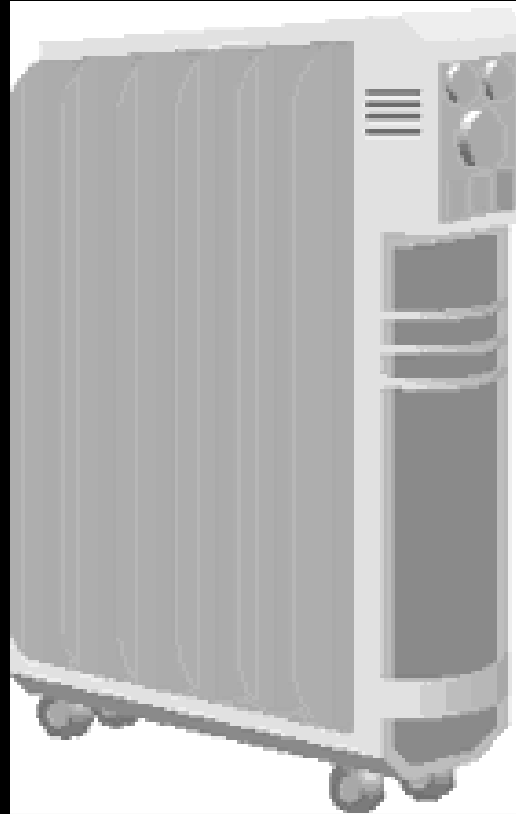


# **SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR FURNACE**



# **AND SPACE HEATERS**



**The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many of our citizens to search for other sources of home heating.**

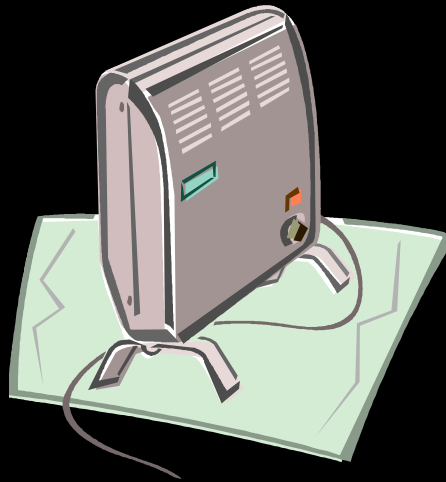
- **Wood burning stoves**
- **Space heaters**
- **Fireplaces**

**All these methods of heating may be acceptable.**

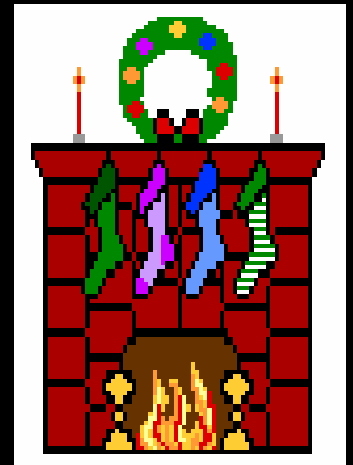


**They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires.**

**Many of these fires can be prevented.**



**The following fire safety tips, if followed, can help you to maintain a fire safe home this winter.**





# SAFETY TIPS

- **Have all heat producing appliances inspected by a licensed service person to ensure they are in good working condition.**
- **Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists.**
- **Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and away from the house.**



# SAFETY TIPS

- **The use of a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device is not a recommended practice.**
- **If you use extension cords on electric space heaters, be sure and choose a cord that's the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.**
- **Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.**
- **Never use a fuel burning heater without proper room venting. Never refill the heater while it is operating or hot and it is best to refill it outside of the home.**



# SAFETY TIPS

- **Keep young children away from space heaters, especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.**
- **Never burn charcoal indoors because it can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.**
- **Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. Never close the damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper can force toxic carbon monoxide into your house.**